MEDIA RELEASE

Auto Burglar Arrested, Again

SANTA BARBARA, CA – April 19, 2012

On April 18, 2012, at 5:27 p.m., Officer Tom Eccles responded to a call of an auto burglary on the 100 block of Helena Avenue. Two vehicles had windows smashed and pocket change and a new wine bottle opener were stolen from one of the cars. Shortly after this call, Officers Beth Lazarus and Nick Kimsey responded to a call of a man with blood on his hands near 320 W. Yanonali Street. This subject, later identified as Cameron Hadighi, age 23, was spotted by Officer Lazarus at the Train Depot at 209 State Street and detained. Officers Andrew Merrett and Kyle Lowry arrived to assist. A search of Hadighi yielded the pocket change and the wine bottle opener that had just been stolen.

Hadighi attempted to run away while paramedics were treating the cut on his hand; however he was quickly subdued by Officers Kimsey and Merrett. Hadighi was taken into custody and secured in a police car. Once in the vehicle, however, Hadighi spit on an officer through the security screen and kicked out the rear window. Hadighi was removed from the police car and fully restrained on an ambulance gurney. He was transported to Cottage Hospital Emergency Room, medically cleared for booking, and then transported to Santa Barbara County Jail where he was booked on two felony counts of burglary and the misdemeanors of resisting or delaying an officer, battery on a peace officer, vandalism, and violation of probation.

A third window smash auto burglary was located on first block of W. Cabrillo Boulevard, with blood evidence at the scene. If the evidence connects Hadighi to that crime, a request for an additional burglary charge will be made to the District Attorney's Office.

Our partners in the news media may recall that Hadighi was the topic of the following media release issued by this office on January 30, 2012:

> Prolific Auto Burglar Arrested
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> On January 26, 2012 SBPD Property Crimes detectives received information regarding stolen property. A victim of theft was using GPS software to track his stolen Ipad. The Ipad was stolen from 1815 Laguna Street and was tracked to 875 Cheltenham Road. Detectives responded to the Cheltenham residence and contacted Cameron Hadighi, age 23, a renter in the house. Hadighi admitted to stealing the Ipad and acknowledged that other stolen property was in his room. Investigation determined that Hadighi was responsible for five auto burglaries, a theft from an unlocked vehicle, and an attempted auto theft. He was arrested by Detective Rashun Drayton on these charges and booked

into SB County Jail. Hadighi is suspected of committing as many as forty auto burglaries in the City of Santa Barbara within the last two months.

Hadighi, Cameron

Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department

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